

REMARKS

A Notice of Allowance was mailed in the above-identified application on December 13, 2004. This Amendment is filed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.312 after allowance and before payment of the issue fee.

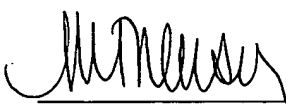
Applicant has amended the Examiner's Amendment to reflect the national stage filing status of this application. No new matter has been added.

Telephone Interview with the Examiner

Applicant would like to thank Examiner Beisner for his courtesies during a telephone interview conducted on January 21, 2005, with Applicant's representatives, Maria Trevisan and Shannon Pratt. The following is a complete written statement of the substance of the interview, in accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.133(b).

Applicant's representatives contacted the Examiner regarding the Examiner's Amendment sent with the Notice of Allowance. The Examiner's Amendment states, "This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 09/405,477, filed 24 Sept. 1999, now abandoned." This application is a national stage filing under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of PCT International Application PCT/US00/26122, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 09/405,477. The Examiner stated that it was not necessary to add any information to the specification regarding priority to the PCT Application because the PCT Application information will be printed on the first page of the issued patent. However, out of an abundance of caution, Applicant has amended the Examiner's Amendment to recite the national stage filing status of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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